(a) Hindustan Shipyard Limited had requested this Ministry's intervention for construction of the following platforms:-

(i) R-15 A for Ratna Field

(ii) BE Platform for Bombay High and

(iii) Ravva Phase II Platforms for Krishna Godavari basin in east coast.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Bungling in purchases and disposal of stores by D.T.C.

4554. DR. BALDEV PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large scale bungling in disposal of stores and purchases by the Purchase Department has been unearthed in the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Widening of National Highways in Bihar

4555. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan for the widening of inter-State roads and National Highways in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have earmarked any funds for this purpose;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the funds released so far and what is the progress made by the State in widening and repairs of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The programme for development of National Highways including those in Bihar during 8th Five Year Plan and inter-State roads under the Centrally sponsored Scheme is yet to be finalised in consultation with the Planning Commission.

(c) to (e) An amount of Rs. 12.50 crores has been allocated for development of National Highways in Bihar during the current financial year. This includes a sum of Rs. 80.91 lakhs for major on-going works in various stages of progress and new works for widening of National Highways. There is no on-going work of Inter-State Roads in Bihar under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. As regards repairs, out of a total sum of Rs. 866.98 lakhs allocated for maintenance of National Highways in Bihar during 1992-93 a sum of Rs. 479498 lakhs has been released so far. Maintenance and repairs is a continuing activity.

Draft Plan for major ports

4556. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised draft plan for all the major ports for the year 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are major projects for different ports which are included in the said draft plan, whose estimated cost is above rupees one crore; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and by when it is expected to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANS-